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SUBJECT: MEETINGS WITH GDR OFFICIALS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN EASTERN
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1. IT OCCURS TO US THAT SOME WASHINGTON AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES
AT FEBRUARY 25-28 WEST BERLIN CONFERENCE MIGHT WELCOME
OPPORTUNITY DURING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 28 TO MEET WITH
SELECTED GDR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS TRADE RELATED SUBJECTS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WE HAVE NOT BROACHED THIS IDEA TO THE
EAST GERMAN BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH A
POSSIBILITY, CONSIDERING THEIR LIMITED CHANCES FOR DIRECT
CONTACT WITH US OFFICIALS BASED IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY
BELIEVES SUCH CONVERSATIONS, IF THEY MATERIALIZE, COULD
IMPROVE EAST GERMAN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR VIEWS OF
PERTINENT TRADE POLICY ISSUES AND KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION
OPEN PENDING THE TIME WHEN FORMAL TRADE TALKS WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE.COOPER

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